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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

- 1. (Cancelled).
- 2. (Cancelled).
- 3. (Previously presented). A composite magnetic material, comprising a ferrite powder and a resin, wherein said ferrite is a spinel type ferrite having a composition represented by

$$(NiO)_x(CoO)_y(MeO)_z(Fe_2O_3)_{1-x-y-z}$$

wherein

Me is at least one selected from the group consisting of Mg, Cu and Zn,

 $0.10 \le x \le 0.550$;

 $0.050 \le y \le 0.200$;

 $0 \le z \le 0.200$; and

 $0.400 \le (x+y+z) \le 0.600$, and

wherein the ferrite powder has a particle size which permits each of the ferrite particles to remain a single domain particle.

- 4. (Previously presented). A composite magnetic material according to claim 3, wherein x is 0.205-0.480, y is 0.05-0.1 and $0.450 \le (x+y+z) \le 0.550$.
- 5. (Original) A composite magnetic material according to claim 4, wherein z is 0.
- 6. (Previously presented) A composite magnetic material according to claim 3, wherein Me is Mg and z > 0.
- 7. (Original) A composite magnetic material according to claim 3, wherein Me is Cu.

8. (Original) A composite magnetic material according to claim 3, wherein Me is Zn.

- 9. (Previously presented) An inductor element equipped with a magnetic member comprising a sintered composite magnetic material according to claim 8.
- 10. (Previously presented) An inductor element equipped with a magnetic member comprising a sintered composite magnetic material according to claim 7.
- 11. (Previously presented) An inductor element equipped with a magnetic member comprising a sintered composite magnetic material according to claim 6.
- 12. (Previously presented) An inductor element equipped with a magnetic member comprising a sintered composite magnetic material according to claim 5.
- 13. (Previously presented) An inductor element equipped with a magnetic member comprising a sintered composite magnetic material according to claim 4.
- 14. (Previously presented) An inductor element equipped with a magnetic member comprising a sintered composite magnetic material according to claim 3.
 - 15. (Cancelled).
 - 16. (Cancelled).
- 17. (Previously presented) A composite ferrite material according to claim 3, wherein each of the ferrite particles has a particle size which does not exceed about 3 um.
- 18. (Previously presented) An inductor element equipped with a magnetic member comprising a sintered composite magnetic material according to claim 17.

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19. (Previously presented) A composite magnetic material, comprising a sintered combination of a ferrite powder and a resin, wherein said ferrite is a spinel type ferrite having a composition represented by

$$(NiO)_x(CoO)_y(MeO)_z(Fe_2O_3)_{1-x-y-z}$$

wherein

Me is at least one selected from the group consisting of Mg, Cu and Zn,

 $0.10 \le x \le 0.550$;

 $0.050 \le y \le 0.200$;

 $0 \le z \le 0.200$; and

 $0.400 \le (x+y+z) \le 0.600$, and

wherein the ferrite powder has a particle size which permits each of the ferrite particles to remain a single domain particle.

- 20. (Currently amended) A composite magnetic material according to claim [[3]] $\underline{19}$, wherein x is 0.205-0.480, y is 0.05-0.1 and 0.450 \leq (x+y+z) \leq 0.550.
- 21. (Currently amended) A composite magnetic material according to claim [[4]] 20, wherein z is 0.
- 22. (Currently amended) A composite magnetic material according to claim [[3]] $\underline{19}$, wherein Me is Mg and z > 0.
- 23. (Currently amended) A composite magnetic material according to claim [[3]] 19, wherein Me is Cu.
- 24. (Currently amended) A composite magnetic material according to claim [[3]] 19, wherein Me is Zn.
- 25. (Currently amended) A composite ferrite material according to claim [[3]] 19, wherein each of the ferrite particles has a particle size which does not exceed about 3 um.